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15 kV CABLE

The 15 kV shielded single conductor power cable shall be 15 kV, 133 percent insulation rated power cable designed to operate at conductor temperatures of 90°C normal, 130°C emergency, and 250°C short circuit conditions as defined by ICEA S-93-639 (NEMA WC-78) and (UL) Standard 1072. The cable shall be suitable for installations above or below grade, indoors or outdoors, and in wet or dry locations. The qualifying cable shall be (UL) labeled as MV-90, Sunlight Resistant and for cable tray use in accordance with UL Standard 1072.

Conductors

The conductors shall be compressed, Class B stranded copper and shall be in accordance with the requirements of ICEA S-93-639. The copper conductors shall consist of all bare strands or tin-coated strands in the outer layer in conformance with the requirements in ASTM Designations: B 3, B 8 and B 33. Conductors shall be unbroken for the full length of the reels specified in the Purchase Order. Reels containing splices will be rejected.

Conductor Shield

The conductor shielding shall consist of an extruded, black-colored, nonmetallic semiconducting EPR thermosetting compound material in conformance with the provisions in Section 2.7 of ICEA S-93-639. The minimum average thickness shall be 0.5 mm.

Insulation

The insulation shall be a discharge resistant, ethylene propylene (EP) based compound and be listed by Underwriters Laboratories. The minimum average thickness of the insulation shall be 5.59 mm. The manufacturer shall perform the Insulation Corona Discharge Resistance Test (3.9.3.3 of ICEA S-93-639) tested in conformance with the requirements in ASTM Designation: D 2275-89, "Standard Test Method for Voltage Endurance of Solid Electrical insulating materials Subjected to Partial Discharges (Corona) on the Surface," and submit the results to the Engineer before acceptance of the cable.

Insulation Shielding

The insulation shielding shall consist of a nonmetallic semiconducting EPR material extruded directly over the insulation and a 0.12-mm bare copper tape. The nonmetallic semi conducting layer shall be black-colored with properties and thickness conforming to the requirements of Table 4a of ICEA S-68-516-93-639 and Tables 14.2 and 14.3 of UL-1072. The layer shall be free stripping from the EP insulation. The 0.12-mm bare copper tape shall be helical applied with a 15 percent overlap, directly over the nonmetallic layer.

Metallic Shield

The metallic shield shall be coated copper tape, helically applied with a minimum overlap of 12.5 percent, directly over the nonmetallic layer.

Overall Jacket

The overall jacket shall be extruded black-colored Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) material with physical properties and thickness in accordance with Section 4.4.5 and Table 4-6 of ICEA S-93-639 and shall be surface printed as required by UL Standard 1072.

Production Testing

Production testing shall consist of the following:

A. Continuous DC Spark testing of the non-conducting stress control layer prior to extrusion of the EP insulation.
B. Mooney Viscosity, Scorch Viscosity, and Specific Gravity of each batch of the EP insulation prior to extrusion.
C. AC Voltage Withstand test for a 5-minute duration, of each finished cable at 35 kV.
D. Volume Resistivity of the nonmetallic shield.
E. DC Resistance of all insulated conductors and metallic shields.
F. Dimensional Verification of all extruded layers.
G. Absence of water in conductors and interfaces confirmed.

Cable Accessories

The manufacturer of the splices and terminations shall have a minimum of 15 years specialized in manufacturing of heat shrinkable cable accessories. The manufacturer of the splices and terminations shall be the Raychem Corporation or approved equal.

The cable splicer shall have a minimum of five years experience and be certified by the splice and cable termination manufacturer. The splicer shall provide a resume documenting his experience and qualifications to be approved on this project.

Cable Terminations

The Termination shall be IEEE 48, Class 1, heat-shrinkable cable terminations in kit form, capable of properly terminating cables specified in this section. Terminations for single-conductor cables shall consist of heat-shrinkable radiation crosslinked high dielectric constant linear stress relief material and heat-shrinkable radiation crosslinked non-tracking outer insulation. Terminations shall contain a high relative permittivity electric stress relief mastic for insulation shield cutback treatment and a heat-activated sealant for environmental sealing.

In addition to the components described above, three-conductor kits shall contain heat-shrinkable components to seal the cable jacket, phase conductors, ground wire and rejacket phase and ground conductors.

Cable Splices

Splices of high voltage cable shall be avoided if possible. Where necessary, because of constructibility reasons, splice locations shall be approved by the Engineer. In general, splices of high voltage cables shall be scheduled so that the length of cable between splices is approximately 400 meters. All 15 kV splices shall be enclosed on a 125 kV splice box (Type PB-3A). A splice shall be scheduled at the construction boundaries. Where possible, longer cable runs are encouraged. The Splices, where necessary, shall be IEEE 404, heat shrinkable cable splices in kit form, capable of properly splicing cables specified in this section. Splice kits shall contain all necessary components to reinstate primary cable insulation, metallic shielding and grounding systems and overall jacket to the equivalent of the cable itself. Splices shall be of a uniform cross-section and shall consist of heat-shrinkable radiation crosslinked insulation. The outer insulating layer shall be bonded to a conducting layer for shielding. The splice shall be rejacketed with a heavy-wall, heat-shrinkable sealant lined sleeve to provide a waterproof hot melt adhesive seal. Splices shall contain heat-shrinkable radiation cross-linked high dielectric constant linear stress relief material. Splices shall contain a high relative permittivity electric stress relief mastic for insulation shield cutback treatment and a heat-activated sealant for environmental sealing. Kits shall allow splicing cables with different types of insulation, conductor sizes, and shielding construction. Kits shall accommodate commercially available standard connectors.

Cable End Sealing Caps

The End Seal Caps shall be heat-shrinkable crosslinked polymeric end sealing caps capable of sealing cables specified in this section. End caps shall be precoated with a heat activated sealant.

DC High Potential Test

Perform DC high potential test of each conductor in accordance with NEMA WC 5.